**Introduction to Community Psychiatry**

A one month rotation in the PGY1 year done with a senior resident which acts as an introduction to the community resources available for acute psychiatric illness. This rotation consists of experiences at Clinton-Eaton-Ingham County Community Mental Health at a traditional psychiatric emergency room located at the primary site for emergency psychiatry in the Lansing Metropolitan Area, the “Bridges”, a night hospital for acutely decompensating patients who may be able to function without the assistance of inpatient hospitalization. Residents will also work at least one four-week rotation at the Sparrow Hospital Emergency Room with psychiatric patients being boarded with comorbid medical conditions.

- Staffing at CEICMH includes multiple psychiatrists who see patients in the outpatient clinic and in ES. Social workers staff ES on a full-time basis and are on-call at night. Residents discuss cases with social workers and with the psychiatrist on duty. They are also able to observe the psychiatrist and social workers. CHM psychiatrists covering Emergency Services are available in person or by phone for consultation.
- The clinical population consists of all age groups, with a large proportion of patients with Medicaid or with a means of payment. This is a group with acute disorders including violence, psychosis and acute suicidality.
- The caseload is variable with up to 8 to 10 patients seen by residents. They see patients with the senior resident during the day with the ES psychiatrists and at times with social workers or psychologists. The community faculty members specialize in crisis intervention, short-term interventions and triage. Most civil commitments are done in ES.